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Letter dated 2 June 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge the strongest protest at the refusal of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) to receive the representatives of the Council of Serbian Diaspora, consisting of Serbs from America, Australia and a number of Western European countries. While refusing to receive the Serbs, the Special Representative and Head of UNMIK did receive the same day the President of the Republic of Albania who, in an act of wanton disregard for the sovereignty and territorial integrity and laws of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and in violation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, had entered Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia. The representatives of the Council were received neither by the Civil Administrator in Kosovska Mitrovica nor were they allowed to visit the Serbs on hunger strike in the local jail. They were received by a French general.

The excuses given for the refusal concerning the composition of the delegation, late notification of its arrival or the alleged incompetence of the judicial authorities in the prison in which the striking Serbs are detained were a patent demonstration of the policy of double standards conducted by UNMIK and its Head and their discrimination against the Serbs.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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